

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. A Notice of Appeal has been filed on or about April 11, 2006.

Applicants note with appreciation that the claims have not been rejected over any prior art references.

All claims were rejected under Section 112 because the term “high temperature” as it appears in claims 1, 7, 10 and 15 is considered indefinite.

These claims are being formally amended to delete “which remains resistant to high temperatures and is” in claim 1, “, high temperature resistant” in claim 15, and “at high temperatures” in the last lines of claims 1, 10 and 15 and in the seventh line of claim 7.

Since the objected-to term “high temperature” no longer appears in any of the claims, the Section 112 rejection of the claims has been overcome, thereby placing this application in condition for allowance as well as in better condition for appeal.

This Amendment is being filed following the filing of a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the filing of the Appeal Brief, pursuant to 37 CFR §41.33(a).

By this Amendment, the formal rejection of the claims for including the phrase “high temperatures” is overcome since the objected-to phrase is being deleted. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment pursuant to MPEP §714.13 is appropriate because the Amendment places at least “some of the claims in better form for appeal [and complies] with objections or requirements as to form”, namely the Section 112 rejection of the claims.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance and request a formal notification thereof at an early date.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 273-4730 (direct dial).

Respectfully submitted,



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